



**Barton Pump Station Upgrade Project  
Summary of Pre-construction Public Meeting  
May 30, 2012 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Fauntleroy Church, 9140 California Avenue Southwest**

**Overview**

On May 30, 2012, the King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) hosted a pre-construction public meeting for the Barton Pump Station Upgrade Project, located next to the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal in West Seattle. The meeting focused on general project information including what to expect during construction, impacts to ferry traffic, the projected construction timeline and the restoration of Cove Park and public art. Nineteen members of the public attended the meeting.

**Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of the public meeting was to:

- Introduce the project team
- Explain the role of King County's Wastewater Treatment Division
- Demonstrate project need
- Review the project's progress and construction timeline
- Inform the community of potential construction impacts
- Share how team has and will continue to work with the community
- Share plans for Cove Park restoration and public art
- Answer questions and note concerns

**Introduction**

Facilitator Doug Marsano welcomed community members and thanked everyone for coming. Doug shared that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the project, answer any questions they might have and discuss or note any concerns. Doug introduced the project team including Liz Gaskill, King County Project Manager, MaryBeth Gilbrough, King County Project Engineer, Glen Hiraki, King County Project Representative, and Kristine Cramer, King County Community Relations.

**Presentation Overview**

The PowerPoint presentation from the community meeting can be found at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Construction/Seattle/BartonSt/Library.aspx> or provided upon request.

**Summary of Questions and Input**

Questions, feedback, and discussion from the meeting attendees are summarized below.

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### ***Construction Impacts on Traffic***

#### **How will King County keep traffic moving through the project area?**

The project will not require any long-term closures on Fauntleroy Way Southwest and King County's contractor will employ traffic flaggers to help construction equipment enter and exit the site promptly.

The County has also worked closely with Washington State Ferries (WSF) during the project's design to minimize traffic impacts to ferry commuters to the extent possible. A uniformed traffic control officer and additional ferry staff will be onsite to direct traffic in and out of the ferry terminal and keep pedestrian and bicycle traffic safe. Additionally, King County will work with the contractor to ensure work is coordinated with busy ferry travel times. King County will continue to coordinate with WSF throughout construction.

#### **How will ferry traffic backups be handled?**

WSF engineers have reviewed and approved the traffic plan for this project. Per WSF's request additional traffic control and ferry workers will encourage traffic to flow as smoothly as possible in and out of the ferry terminal. Specific traffic concerns will need to be addressed with WSF. Susan Harris-Huether is the Communications Lead at WSF for the Fauntleroy ferry terminal and can be reached at (206) 515-3460 or [sharris@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:sharris@wsdot.wa.gov).

#### **Construction of the RapidRide stop is scheduled to start June 4 at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal. Will the design include curb bulbs that could impede the flow of traffic?**

The north-bound RapidRide stop is designed with a curb that extends into the road. The south-bound buses will stop out of the street.

The Barton Pump Station project is coordinating with the RapidRide construction to avoid impacting the community or the terminal at the same time.

#### **How will you ensure that buses reach the ferry terminal in time for passengers to make their scheduled boat?**

The traffic control officer, flagger, and ferry staff will be briefed about the importance of maintaining the bus schedule. Residents and commuters can expect that traffic will continue to move along Fauntleroy Way Southwest, including Metro buses.

#### **What happens to oversize trucks during the north toll booth closure?**

WSF staff have experience working with the north toll booth closure and have expressed confidence that the lane closure will accommodate all ferry traffic. Should changes become necessary, WSF and King County will work together to resolve any issues.

Specific traffic concerns related to conditions existing prior to the project should be directed to WSF Communications Lead Susan Harris-Huether, who can be reached at (206) 515-3460 or [sharris@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:sharris@wsdot.wa.gov).

### ***Construction Impacts on nearby residents***

#### **Where will the construction workers park?**

The contractor is aware that parking is a concern for the neighborhood. Its employees will not use nearby street parking, and the contractor is currently exploring public transportation or park and ride options from parking lots in the area.

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### **Will there be a lot of noise and vibration for nearby homes?**

Construction projects are, by their nature, noisy with vehicles and general construction activities. King County knows that its construction projects can be disruptive to neighbors and has taken a number of steps to reduce community impacts. The project contract has minimized some of the noisiest construction methods, such as pile driving, on this job. In addition, nearly all of the project's work is scheduled to occur during normal business hours on weekdays, typically the least disruptive time for most neighbors.

King County has also dedicated project staff to assist the community in resolving issues related to construction, including excessive noise. Community members can pose inquiries or complaints directly with the project team via the project's 24-hour hotline -206-296-5999.

### **Will there be night work? If so, will King County provide hotel rooms for those that will be impacted by the noise?**

Some work will need to be done at night during times where there is lower flow in the wastewater conveyance system. King County will notify the community a minimum of 72 hours in advance of night work. If desired, King County is able to make relocation accommodations.

### **Will the public beach at Cove Park be open?**

To protect public safety and promote site security, there will be no access through the project site to the public beach at Cove Park during the project. Shore access south of the ferry terminal and at the south end of Lincoln Park will remain open for the duration of the project, as will the beach at Lowman Beach Park.

## ***Environment***

### **What are the environmental issues that King County is dealing with at the site?**

King County takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and will comply with all environmental regulations in completing this project. The project team includes an environmental inspector who will regularly monitor conditions in and around the site and enforce the environmental protection measures included in the project contract.

King County understands that there is a salmon-bearing stream just south of the project site and will comply with existing standards for environmental management, including erosion control methods and routine inspections of conditions around the site.

## ***Site Design and Post-construction***

### **Will the parking for the ferries employees be replaced?**

No, the final design of the project does not allow for any parking at the site. The top of the pump station has been a no parking zone since April 2012.

### **What will happen to the house owned by King County (directly north of the project site) that will be used as the construction office?**

Per King County policy, the house will be sold following completion of the project.

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### **How loud will the hum from the new transformer be? Will it be more noticeable than it is currently?**

It will be a bit louder than it is currently, similar to a hum from a streetlight. The transformer will be buffered on all four sides to insulate the sound. Project artist Tom Jay designed a decorative gate to put around the transformer to enhance the appearance.

### **Is there an incentive for the contractor to fast-track the project?**

No, King County does not provide incentives to fast-track projects. However, there are penalties if the contractor does not finish the project on time.

### **Would it be possible to get a tour of the facility when the project is completed?**

King County will schedule a pump station tour following completion of the project.

## ***General Input***

This community has seen major construction from various projects through the years and, while they understand the project need, they would like to ensure that King County provides as much advance notification of construction activities and impacts as possible.

The community also expressed concern over how WSF will handle the north toll booth and lane closure (specifically regarding pre-ticketed vehicles and vanpools blocking traffic on Fauntleroy), manage long traffic back-ups and keep both local and ferry traffic moving. King County is working closely with WSF to ensure minimal traffic impacts to the area and will pass these concerns along to WSF.

## ***Closing***

Kristine Cramer, King County Community Relations, wrapped-up the meeting and the question/answer period. She reiterated that throughout the project, King County will continue to work with the community by providing advance notice of construction activities, updating the project website with construction updates, providing a 24-hour construction hotline and doing one-on-one problem solving.

## **Project Team Attendees**

Liz Gaskill	<i>King County Wastewater Treatment Division</i>	Project Manager
Mary Beth Gilbrough	<i>King County Wastewater Treatment Division</i>	Project Engineer
Glen Hiraki	<i>King County Wastewater Treatment Division</i>	Project Representative
Doug Marsano	<i>King County Wastewater Treatment Division</i>	Community Relations
Kristine Cramer	<i>King County Wastewater Treatment Division</i>	Community Relations
Kerri Franklin	<i>EnviroIssues</i>	Community Relations